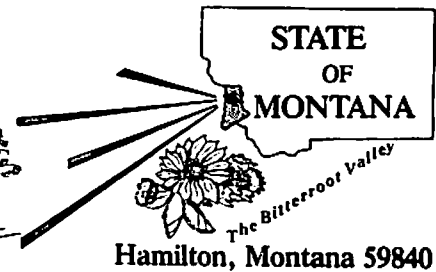
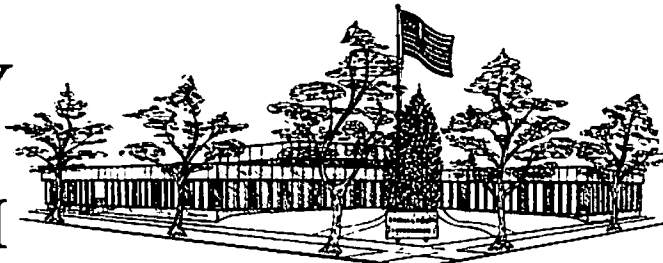


COUNTY OF RAVALLI



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February 28, 2007

Jim Lynch, Director
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RE: Letter of Support for US-93, Hamilton – North of Woodside

Dear Mr. Lynch;

Please allow this letter to serve as our support for US-93, Hamilton – North of Woodside Project Application under the Public Lands Highways Discretionary (PLHD) Program.

PLHD support will assist the Montana Department of Transportation in accelerating the completion of an urgently needed project. The project corridor is an arterial access, serving federal forest lands, wildlife habitat and the Bitterroot River. It also links high-growth cities and towns. Currently our two lane roadway is outdated and traffic is growing at over three percent per year, with high accident rates. The planned improvements will help to provide safe, efficient, and environmentally sound access, which will benefit all users.

If we can be of further assistance please feel free to contact us at the above number.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Absent
Greg Chilcott, Chairman

Alan Thompson
Alan Thompson, Member

Howard W. Lyons
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